

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-12. (Cancelled)

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16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including selecting a rate of pacing to correspond to a particular physiology of the patient.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including selecting an amount of pacing, monitoring the alteration in the airway passage of the patient, and selectively modifying the amount of pacing until a desired alteration in the airway is achieved.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of implanting includes implanting first and second stimulating electrodes into the patient, each of the first and second electrodes being in stimulating contact with airway passage-controlling muscles of the patient.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further including uniquely pacing each of the first and second electrodes through first and second inductive couplings between the electrodes and the controller.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of implanting includes implanting the electrode in stimulating contact with the soft palate of the patient.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of implanting includes implanting the electrode in stimulating contact with the tongue of the patient.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of implanting includes implanting the electrode in stimulating contact with the pharynx of the patient.